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A LITTLE LESS GLOOMY!

Reuter's correspondent at Peking, writing on April 17th says:—

According to information derived from the Presidency to-day the outlook is now a little less gloomy, owing to the possibility of the Chihli Party to some extent falling in with the plans of General Chang Tso-lin. With regard to General Chang's intentions fresh information merely elaborates the reports already circulated, with the one important addition that General Chen Ching-ming has apparently fallen into line with Dr. Sun Yat-sen and General Chang Tso-lin over the reunification scheme.

General Chang Tso-lin announces that he intends to summon a national conference within a month to revise the constitution or draw up a fresh one, to summon a new Parliament and to arrange for the election of a new President. General Chang again asserts that General Wu Pei-fu is the only real obstacle to his reunification plan and that if General Wu does not join with Mukden and Canton he will be suppressed. General Chang further states that it will be an easy matter for his troops to defeat those of General Wu Pei-fu.

CHANG TSO-LIN'S INTENTIONS.

In the course of recent conversations with British subjects and other nationals, General Chang Tso-lin asserted that the British were opposing him and were supporting General Wu Pei-fu. Inquiries made in responsible quarters by Reuter's Agency show that there is not the least justification for this report. General Chang Tso-lin's information is necessarily second-hand and has perhaps been received from Peking, where it was recently expressed as a belief by a member of the staff of the Japanese Legation, though no reason was given for such a belief.

General Chen Ching-ming recently stated that he was in accord with General Chang Tso-lin in the latter's reunification scheme and that if necessary he would take the field in support. This is probably the most important news that has transpired recently, for General Chen commands the respect of all parties and he and his men are fighters.

GENERAL WU LIKELY TO AGREE.

General Wu Pei-fu's adherents in Peking think it quite likely that General Wu Pei-fu will agree to the summoning of a national conference, but they point out that General Chang's plan would be less open to suspicion if he had maintained the military *status quo* prior to the conference, and that a rush to acquire strategic positions with his troops rather than the peaceful intentions which General Chang proclaims.

With one exception the distance between the Fengtien and Chihli forces removes the danger of an immediate clash. General Wu Pei-fu remained at Paoingfu only for some hours and then returned to Loyang. His main force is still at Chengchow, but the 26th Division of Chihli troops is reported to be still at Tacheng, near Macheng, where the Fengtien troops are now quartered. Bad feeling is said to prevail between these rival troops and their officers are endeavouring to avoid all contact. This possibility of a clash appears to be the only one at present in sight, but the whole question of General Wu Pei-fu's attempted isolation is no doubt being taken into consideration by him with the cool attitude for which he is noted.

GENERAL WU'S POSITION.

If General Chang Tso-lin had not precipitated the menace to General Wu Pei-fu which is being brought about, General Wu would have lost all sympathy if he declined to enter into the conference, and even yet he may feel that military superiority will allow him to wait and see what the outcome of the proposed conference offers. This will probably depend upon the extent of the military preparations now being undertaken by Canton, Mukden and the Anfuite leaders. With regard to the latter it is reported that Hsu Shu-tung (Little Hsu) is now on the way to Tientsin and that General Tuan Chi-kwei will be offered a post in the Reunification Army. This report is not confirmed officially, but according to current Chinese reports, among the Reunification forces General Tuan Chi-jui, Tsao Chi-kwei and Hsu Shu-tung, who were defeated in 1920 by General Chang Tso-lin and Wu Pei-fu, also General Chang Hsueh-liang who was beaten by General Tuan Chi-jui in 1917, will figure prominently, supported by Canton, against whom all the foregoing have fought in recent years. With these former bitter enemies and rivals linked together, it would appear but a step to include General Wu Pei-fu, whose real fighting qualities, however, mark him as a danger to all ambitious leaders interested in securing a dominating position in Reunified China.

Meanwhile the President is still endeavouring to bring about a settlement. He has now sent General Pao Kwei-ching to Mukden to make representations to General Chang Tso-lin in which General Wu Pei-fu's point of view will be cited.

THE MOVE ON TACHOW.

At the same time Mr. Liu En-yuan has been sent to Chengtingfu to interview General Wang Shih-cheng and persuade him to use his good offices with the Chihli leaders.

Mr. Tsao Jui has applied for twenty days' leave, suggesting that the affairs of the Civil Governor's yamen should be attended to by Mr. Lu Chang-yao, Chief of the Administration Department of that yamen.

Traffic on the Peking-Mukden railway has recently been subjected to considerable delay, owing to the movements of Fengtien troops. On the Peking-Hankow

line some delay has occurred in passenger traffic and a considerable amount of rolling stock has been commandeered for the use of the Inspector-General of the Liaohing.

At Paoingfu there is the 19th mixed brigade, while the 13th mixed brigade is at Chengtingfu. General Chang Tso-lin's brigade has reached the Shantung border at Tungchang. The 3rd Division (Chihli) under the command of General Wu's most able leader—General Chen-ping—is moving in the direction of Hsieh-fu, near Tachow arsenal. These troops are travelling along the canal. It is reported that in the event of hostilities between the Fengtien and Chihli forces General Wang Chen-ping will take command in the field, with General Sun Yao as Chief of Staff, General Wu Pei-fu remaining at Paoingfu as Commander-in-Chief. It is reported that the twenty yings of Yiehun are offering their services to General Wu Pei-fu.

A DIPLOMATIC WARNING.

It is reported that the Waichiaopu received on Saturday last a Note from the Diplomatic Body drawing attention to the clause in the Protocol of 1900 whereby it is necessary to maintain railway communications between Peking and Tientsin, in the event of fighting.

WAR UNAVOIDABLE.

RESPECTIVE CHANCES DISCUSSED.

PEKING, April 18th.

While the efforts of mediators are continuing with commendable zest at Mukden and Loyang, preparations for war are proceeding methodically and without cessation. Both foreigners and Chinese recently returned from Mukden and Chengchow state that what is accepted as an unavoidable certainty in those camps. General Chang Tso-lin's people admit that there may be some superiority in General Wu Pei-fu's infantry, but they assert that the Fengtien artillery is unquestionably superior and they look to this branch of the service to bring victory.

At Loyang and Chengchow the utmost confidence prevails. The Chihli troops, under the command of General Wu Pei-fu and his captains, are keen for war and fail to see how they could be defeated. Both sides have divided their force into the regular field divisions, and of their outlook can be accepted as reliable there remains only the initiative to bring about a conflict compared with which the fighting in 1920 will pale into insignificance. General Chang Tso-lin alone among the Fengtien leaders asserts that he desires to avoid hostilities, and that his military preparations are merely an argument best calculated to appeal to General Wu and bring him to reason. General Wu Pei-fu is more cautious in announcing his plans and simply states that he will fight only if attacked. Whether he will continue to view the preparations of the Fengtien forces as a matter not calling for hostilities on his part continues to be the key to the situation.

WITHIN SEVEN MILES OF EACH OTHER.

Yesterday 500 cavalry of the 1st Fengtien Division were transferred from Nan-yuan to Changshien, where they are within about seven miles of General Wu Pei-fu's advanced troops. It is anticipated that the remainder of the division will shortly follow the cavalry. This is expected to draw General Wu Pei-fu either in the field or in the negotiations which are proceeding through intermediaries. The main question under the consideration of the Chinese military authorities in Peking is, where General Wu will strike.

Later reports show that General Wang Chen-ping is not accompanying his men to Hsieh-fu. Only one brigade is en route to that point and it is under the command of General Cheng Chueh-liang. General Wang is remaining with General Wu Pei-fu, it is asserted, to take command in the field when the tocsin sounds. At Mukden more elaborate arrangements are announced. General Sun Li-chun is to be Commander-in-Chief in the field, with General Chang Tso-chang in command of the left wing with his headquarters at Tachow. General Chang Tso-lin in command of the centre at Yang-luching. General Li Ching-shan in command of the right wing at Chengtingfu. General Kan Chow-hsi in command of the rear guard at Machang, and the Cavalry division under the command of General Wu Cheng-hsun (Tuchun of Hsiungkiang).

DOUBTFUL QUANTITIES.

In the light of these comprehensive preparations General Wu Pei-fu's comparative inaction is more easily understood, and it is stated by his friends that he is wisely waiting for further developments before moving his men from the strong position they hold at Loyang and Chengchow. The fact that he sent only one brigade to Hsieh-fu, as a defence force for the Tachow arsenal, may be explained by the report current to-day that the command of General Li Ching-shan is now to the Chihli party, after its varied career in the service of Yuan Shih-kai and the Anfuites, will proceed to Shantung. Of the other two doubtful quantities the 1st and 13th Divisions, it is stated that the 1st Division will side with General Wu, while the 13th will do as it is told by the Ministry of War, probably being retained, in the event of fighting, for the defence of the Capital.

The situation at Tachow is now practically the same as it was a week ago. General Tien Chung-yu's men having been withdrawn and the former Chihli garrison having returned. Intense excitement reigned at Changshien yesterday evening, owing to the attitude of General Chang Tso-lin's cavalry towards the populace. A number of local residents arrived in Peking to-day with complaints and asking for redress.

UNEASINESS IN PEKING.

Much uneasiness is being shown in Peking. A run on the banks of China and Communications started yesterday and is continuing to-day. Some of the foreign and smaller Chinese banks are also affected. The run is in no way connected with public apprehension with regard to the banks in question, but is due to the nervous desire of the people to exchange all notes for silver. As usual, at such times, people are returning here from Tientsin, while others are proceeding to Tientsin to escape the danger that follows fighting in China.

Mr. Chow Tze-chi returned last night from Tientsin, but no announcement has been made regarding the results of his visit to Mr. Liang Shih-yi. The train was several hours late, as usual, during the last few days.

Further reports are being received to the effect that amicable relations have been restored between General Wu Pei-fu and General Chao Ti. The former remained at Chengchow, instead of proceeding direct to Loyang. General Chao has returned to Kaifeng. It is asserted by General Wu Pei-fu's supporters that Mr. Hsieh, both at Honan and near Peking, will join General Wu if fighting starts.

According to telegrams from Shanghai the Tientsin of Chekiang and Kiangsu, General Lu Yung-hsiang and Chih Hsieh-yuan, are about to dispatch circular telegrams with a view to averting hostilities in the North. This movement is receiving the active assistance of General Ho Feng-lin, Military Commissioner at Shanghai.

PEKING'S FOOD SUPPLIES.

With the experience of 1900 still fresh in their minds the people of Peking are taking steps to avoid a food shortage in Peking, if the fighting begins. A mass meeting was held in the Central Park yesterday at which a Committee was elected to take the measures necessary. It was suggested that an appeal should be made to Generals Chang Tso-lin and Wu Pei-fu not to interfere with supplies being brought to the capital as a reserve.

As a political question the claims of the rival leaders to military control does not appear to disturb the people of Peking. Both have their adherents among the public, but the main consideration of the people seems to be the securing of supplies and the exchange of notes into hard silver. Among the troops, however, there appears to be more enthusiasm than was shown when Marshal Tuan embarked upon the suppression of General Wu Pei-fu.

The latest mediation is being taken by Mr. Chang Hsi-huan, the first Tsuchu of Mukden under President Yuan, and General Chao Erh-shun, Viceroy of Mukden, under the Manchukuo regime, who have now gone to Mukden.

TIENTSIN-PUKOW LINE REPORTED CUT.

PEKING, April 20th.

It is reported that the Tientsin-Pukow line has been cut and traffic interrupted near Tachow. No details are yet to hand.

The rival military preparations continue but there have been no important developments.

As part of the proposed mediation it is now proposed that Generals Chang Tso-lin and Tsao Kun should meet at Tientsin and talk over the situation.

General Wu Pei-fu's inactivity is generally ascribed to his desire to await the arrival of General Feng Yu-hsiang, from Shensi, of the troops en route to Chengchow.

TIENTSIN, April 20th.

Yesterday afternoon's mail-train for Shanghai found the Tientsin-Pukow line cut and being unable to proceed, returned to Tientsin this morning. To-day's trains are not running to Nanking.

75 TROOP TRAINS HAVE ENTERED CHIHLI.

Up to the present, about 75 Fengtien troop-trains have entered Chihli, of which over 60 passed Tientsin on to the Tientsin-Pukow line. Among the troops is General Chang Tso-lin's son, General Chang Hsueh-liang.

CHANG TSO-LIN'S NEW TERMS.

PEKING, April 20th.

General Chang Ching-hui is alleged to have reported to the Central Government from Mukden that Chang Tso-lin will come to Peking before long and make the following proposals to the Government:—

1.—Liang Shih-yi shall be re-instated as Premier.

2.—Chang Hsueh-liang shall be appointed as Inspector General of Kiangsu, Anhwei and Kiangsi.

3.—Dr. Sun Yat-sen and all political criminals belonging to the Anhwei Clique shall be granted amnesty.

4.—The unification of the North and South shall be held with the object of abolishing the Governments of the North and the South and of definitely deciding upon the unification of the whole country.

5.—Wu Pei-fu shall be deprived of his Inspector Generalship of Chihli, Hupeh, and Hunan.

6.—Chang Ching-hui shall be appointed as Sub-Inspector General of Chihli, Shan-tung, and Honan and Chang Hsueh-liang as General Commandant of the Peking Gendarmerie.—*Eastern News Agency.*

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EX-ACTIVE SERVICE MEN. ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE VOLUNTEERS.

A NEW CLUB PROJECT.

A special meeting of the recently formed Ex-active Service Men's Association was held at the City Hall, last night, Mr. E. H. Wilson presiding over an attendance of about thirty members, including Mr. Toedale Mackintosh, vice-president, The President, Lieut. Mallison, V.C., was unable to be present.

The Chairman paid a tribute to the work of the Committee and mentioned that the membership had doubled in a very few weeks. The foundation of a powerful society had been laid and they were glad to have secured Major-General Sir John Fowler as a member and commander and to have obtained other influential support.

The Committee had been approached by the Committee of the British Legion with a view to reducing opposition. This seemed ambiguous but, in order to see what the British Legion wanted, a sub-committee had been instructed to meet them.

No doubt members were anxious to know what had happened with regard to Sir Paul Chater's gift to ex-service men. Nothing final had reached the Committee but they were confident that Sir Paul Chater would "do the right thing." The Committee was anxious to avoid any controversy in connection with the gift and the recent controversy on the subject did not emanate from the Association as far as they knew.

It was hoped to provide means of enjoyment for members in the summer and to have a club before long. A large room in Queen's Road, just beyond the Naval Barracks had been offered, for at least a year, by the General, and Sir Paul Chater had offered to furnish it, independent of the \$50,000 gift. (Applause.) In this connection, the Chairman spoke highly of the efforts of Mr. Toedale Mackintosh on behalf of the Association. He also mentioned that the question had been raised of admission of men of the mercantile marine to the Association and of women who had seen war service. The Committee had been able to assist two ex-active service men in distress and were now trying to find employment for two others who had just arrived in the Colony. In conclusion, the Chairman urged members never to allow the name of the Association to be tampered with, because to do so would be to allow people to creep in who had no right to be there.

The meeting then considered whether men who served with the Merchant Service, during the Great War and who received the Mercantile Marine and General War Medals but not the Victory Medal should be allowed to join the Association. The Chairman mentioned that a case had been brought to the notice of the Committee of a man who had been sentenced on troop transport service, who had been torpedoed twice and had been taken prisoner by the Germans. He was not, however, entitled to the medals specified as entitling a man to membership of the Association.

It was suggested that the Committee should decide, on the merits of each case, as to admission to membership, but in the end it was decided to postpone consideration of the matter.

As to admission of women, it was agreed to let the matter drop, for the reason that women could not conveniently be admitted to a men's association.

Mr. J. E. Ollerton having resigned the secretaryship, various members were proposed to the succession but all modestly declined. In the end, Mr. F. P. Franklin and Mr. H. J. Timperley agreed to act as joint hon. secretaries and were duly appointed. Acknowledgment was made of Mr. Franklin's services to the Committee.

Mr. Martin was elected Vice-Chairman and the following additional members of Committee were elected: Messrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith, R. Stock, Pearson, Mr. Reynolds, and F. T. James.

The Secretary, in reply to a question, said that the Association now had 140 members and one or more new members came in every day.

The Questioner: What guarantee have we that somebody will not join who is not entitled to?

The Chairman: We have decided to take a man on his honour. If a man comes in under false pretences, especially in a Club, and he gets talking, if he is an impostor sooner or later he will put his foot in it and give himself away. It will be time enough then to have him expelled from the Association.

EX-SERVICE MEN AND THE VOLUNTEERS.

After an expression of thanks to Mr. Ollerton for his services as secretary, Mr. Mackintosh was called upon to address the meeting. With regard to the Club, Mr. Mackintosh mentioned that great assistance had been received from Colonel Nicholson and from the Officer in Charge of Barracks. After the last dinner of Colonel Nicholson, he had written offering temporary accommodation. Later the Association would want two or three rooms for the Club, but it was much more difficult to find a room than to find the rent. He thought he had suitable rooms in view three years hence. (Laughter.)

Mr. Mackintosh also mentioned a suggestion from the Adjutant of the Volunteers who had offered, if the Association liked, to allow it to form its own Company in the Volunteers. "I am not a pacifist," Mr. Mackintosh continued, "and I am sure we shall not consider that because we fought in one war we are to be done with that kind of thing for the rest of our lives." It would be an extraordinarily good thing to have our own Company of Volunteers; to be allowed to elect our own officers, to run out own show. I know some of us are 'crocks' and not able to do long route marches, but nearly everybody can do something, signalling, cooking, or other branches of volunteer life. If we have at any time to bear our part in times of crisis in the East I would very much prefer to be in a Company of my own 'pals' in this Association than in a strange platoon. (Applause.)

Mr. J. E. Ollerton thought that if the suggestion was adopted the members might feel they were under compulsion to join the Volunteers and that they would join though they had no real desire to do so. He suggested that there be no Company connected with the Association but rather let members join a platoon of one of the existing Companies.

Mr. H. J. Timperley thought Mr. Ollerton had spoken very aptly. He thought Brig-General Macnaghen's suggestion at the first meeting of the British Legion, that every member should be issued with a rifle and bayonet, had done a great deal to prevent the Legion from flourishing.

Mr. Bowes-Smith said he was sure the chief feeling against the British Legion was that it was regarded, more or less, as a reserve of the Volunteers and that it was identified with militarism.

Mr. T. A. Martin thought the matter should be left to the members themselves. If they were satisfied with the way the British Government served the Volunteers in the war they could join the Volunteers if they desired to do so, if not—keep out of it.

The Chairman thought that the proposal brought forward by Mr. Mackintosh should be left severely alone.

Mr. Mackintosh in reply said, "I do deprecate the idea that, having proved we are men in France, we can sit down for the rest of our lives. No man has proved himself a man until he is carried to Happy Valley and not even then."

Mr. Mackintosh said he would not have to carry on after that, in some other sphere, proving that he is a man.

Mr. Mackintosh did not agree that it should be left to the Adjutant to promote a Company. If that idea had been in the past there would have been no Artists' Rifles, London Scottish or Queen's Westminster Rifles. If they formed their own Company and a time of crisis came they would be in a much more comfortable position. There was no question of compulsion; all they wanted was a hundred men who would form a Company and the use of the Association's name. He did not think that men would be stopped from joining the Association because 100 members were Volunteers.

If that would prevent men from joining he would rather those men did not join because they would not see eye to eye with the others. The Association must live up to its citizenship as well as to its social activities. He thought the members were being frightened by two bogeys that did not exist—militarism and compulsion.

Mr. H. R. James gave an estimate to show that after necessary deductions were made the membership could not provide a Volunteer Company.

It was then decided to adjourn indefinitely further discussion of the matter.

V.R.C. SPORT.

In connection with the Victoria Recreation Club Annual Athletic Meeting, to be held next Saturday, the heats for the 120 yards handicap, 100 yards championship and the tug-o-war will take place on Friday, on the Hongkong Football ground at 5.45 p.m.

The heats in the tug-o-war are—V.R.C. H.M.S. *Carlisle* (B); King Regt. *H.M.S. Carlisle* (A). The R.G.A. will have the winner of the first heat; The Wardens' the winner of the second heat, on Saturday, at 1.15 p.m. The final will be pulled at 3.55 p.m.

There are no less than three heats of 8 in both the flat races. To date there are 145 competitors for the sports. In the marathon race there are 25 competitors.

The course for the marathon is from the foot of hill leading up to Aberdeen Police Station, along the road leading to Wong Nei Cheong Gap and down Wong Nei Cheong Gap Road to the Football Ground once round the ring finishing in front of Grand Stand.

The entries for all the other events are good. The Ladies Cycle Race has brought 6 entries.

The following members will represent the V.R.C. in their Tug-O-War Team:—The Ignatiff, H. G. Hallum, S. C. Saunders, J. Borenson, F. Hunt, J. Beach, W. Andrews, and E. Busschaert. Reserves: C. Earnshaw, E. T. Crocker, G. Mogensson, and J. Norgaard.

The sports are under the patronage of H.E. Sir R. E. Stubbs, who will distribute the prizes at the conclusion.

BILLIARDS.

In the Palace Hotel Tournament last night A. J. Edwards (—100) beat C. W. Chung (—20), final scores Edwards, 250; Chung, 79.

Highest breaks: Edwards, 19, 19, 17; Chung, 24, 15, 14.

A. Gourley (—150) beat W. Pitt (—300). Final scores Gourley, 250; Pitt, 5.

Highest breaks: Gourley, 27, 23, 21; 15, 15, 15; Pitt, 20, 22, 21, 20.

COMPANY MEETING.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

The 25th annual general meeting of this Company was held at the offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., yesterday morning. Mr. R. G. Shewan (Chairman of the Consulting Committee) presided, and there were also present Mr. H. P. White and Mr. G. M. Dodwell (members of the Consulting Committee); Mr. R. F. Mattingly (secretary); Mr. E. M. J. de Roche (secretary); Dr. J. W. Noble, Messrs. W. Adamson, A. S. Ellis, W. Hardwick, Poon I Cho, W. May, H. G. Kay, A. P. Samy, F. Ellis, W. J. Hawker, W. J. Carroll, C. Osmund and K. C. Saunders (shareholders).

The Chairman said:—The report and accounts for 1921, which have been in your hands for some days, show net profits for the year amounting to \$412,503.14, which, owing to the sale of a portion of your property at West Point, mentioned at last year's meeting, are much in excess of those made in any previous year. With the addition of \$10,000.43 brought forward from last year there is \$422,503.63 available for distribution which, with your consent, we propose to deal with as follows:—

To place to reserve fund \$500,000.00
To pay a bonus to staff 2,331.50
To place to bad and doubtful debts account 10,000.00
To pay a dividend of 50 cents per share 100,000.00
And carry forward to next year's account 9,673.12

This will bring the reserve fund up to \$380,000, out of which it has been decided to pay a bonus to shareholders of \$250,000, in scrip, at the rate of one new share for every five old shares or 25,000 shares of \$10 fully paid up.

The necessary special resolutions to effect this have now been passed and confirmed, so the capital is now \$1,500,000 and the reserve fund stands at \$380,000.

Apart from the profit on the sale of property, I am glad to say that our ordinary business shows marked improvement.

The new godowns which we bought with a part of the proceeds of the old property have proved highly satisfactory and have been kept well filled from the beginning. The result is, as you will observe from the accounts, that the balance from working account is considerably larger than that of 1920.

Altogether the changes we made have been very beneficial to our business, over and above the actual cash profit they brought us in. We have made what we think is a drastic provision for losses and doubtful debts, as it is always best to be on the safe side.

Something will probably be recovered against the amount written off, but we are not counting upon it; and for any future possible losses in this respect we recommend providing a further \$10,000, as mentioned in the report.

Our properties now stand in our books at \$981,344.08, which is a very safe figure indeed as compared with what property in the neighbourhood is now fetching. Prospects for the present year are too problematical for me to speak positively about them, but I am glad to be able to say that, so far, in spite of strikes and increased wages and expenses, we have made a very good beginning.

The Chairman then moved the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. W. Adamson seconded and the resolution was carried.

Dr. Noble proposed that Mr. S. H. White, Mr. G. M. Dodwell and Mr. U. P. Oa be re-elected and confirmed as members of the Consulting Committee.

Mr. FRED ELLIS seconded and this was approved.

Mr. S. H. WHITE proposed, and Mr. G. M. DODWELL seconded, that Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming be re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$200 each.

This was approved and the meeting concluded.

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL. INTER-HOUSE SPORTS.

These sports were held at the University Athletic ground on Monday afternoon by kind permission of the University Athletic Association. The sports were entirely managed by the boys under the supervision of the Games Master, Mr. E. C. Thomas. There was a record number of entries—350 entries from 111 boys for 17 events, being nearly twice the entries of three years ago. Last year a system of giving points for winners instead of prizes was started and this year, again no prizes were given. Boys showed great enthusiasm for their houses. Results are as follows:—

100 yards, Junior.—1st, T. Edwards; 2nd, E. Tape; 3rd, A. Esabbay.

100 yards, Senior.—1st, Lee Yan Tek; 2nd, Chan Hing Kui; 3rd, Lee Wai Choi.

250 yards, Junior.—1st, Kwok Po Chun; 2nd, A. Esabbay; 3rd, E. Tape.

250 yards, Senior.—1st, Chan Hing Kui; 2nd, Mok Yuk Wah; 3rd, Lee Wai Choi.

440 yards, Junior.—1st, A. Esabbay; 2nd, A. Nomanabhai; 3rd, A. Mooney.

440 yards, Senior.—1st, Ed. Zimmerman; 2nd, Mok Yuk Wah; 3rd, Lee Wai Choi.

Half-mile, Junior.—1st, A. Nomanabhai; 2nd, A. Esabbay; 3rd, E. Tape.

Half-mile, Senior.—1st, G. Wing; 2nd, Chan Hing Kui; 3rd, Lam Ping Shing.

Mile (Open).—1st, Lam Ping Shing; 2nd, Ma Hing Cheung; 3rd, G. Westlake.

Long Jump, Junior.—1st, Allan Pang (14ft.); 2nd, E. Tape; 3rd, Ho Wing Yew.

Long Jump, Senior.—1st, Lee Yan Tek (18ft. 7in.); 2nd, Ed. Zimmerman; 3rd, J. Chan.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

PLAYING BASE-BALL IN THE STREETS.

JAPANESE STRIKES A PEDESTRIAN WITH THE BALL.

POLICE-COURT PROCEEDINGS.

A little practice game of baseball in Gresson Street, during the tiffin hour was the subject of one of two charges brought by Sanitary Inspector R. Allan against a young Japanese at the Magistrate's court yesterday. The charge was that of playing baseball to the annoyance of the public in Gresson Street. Arising out of this little tiffin hour incident a further charge of assaulting the Inspector was preferred. The case was heard by Mr. Fraser.

The defendant denied both charges. He said he was not playing base-ball, but merely watching the game, though he admitted that both the ball and gloves were his. Regarding the second charge, Inspector Allan assaulted him first.

The Magistrate decided to hear the charges separately.

Giving evidence in the base-ball charge, Inspector Allan said that two Japanese and a Chinese were playing base-ball in the middle of Gresson Street at 1.20 p.m. on the 13th inst. The defendant had the ball in his hand and two of the players had gloves on. They and the ball in the form of a triangle and the ball was being pitched from one to the other. So as not to interfere with their game, witness moved from the centre of the road to the side, and when about 30 yards past the players, he was struck in the middle of the back, with great force by the ball. Witness did not see who threw the ball. He picked it up with the intention of taking it to No. 2 Police Station and there reporting the matter. Judging the distance from which it was thrown—about 30 yards—he was of the opinion that the ball was deliberately thrown at him.

The defendant: I was there, but I was not playing. There were three others playing. I was merely watching the game when the Inspector picked up the ball. I went up to him and put my hand on his shoulder and asked him to give the ball back to me. I said I was quite willing to go to the Police Station.

The Magistrate: Why did you want to go to the Police Station?

The defendant: Because I wanted the police to settle the matter. About three days afterwards, the Inspector came to the house and I gave him my name.

The Magistrate: What did you say to him?—Very sorry, Master; give back ball, please.

A Japanese witness said that a Chinese threw the ball to another player, who missed the catch and the ball struck the complainant. The defendant did not have any gloves on.

At this point the complainant raised the point as to whether this witness could be charged with taking part in the game. The Magistrate pointed out that this would mean taking out another summons.

With regard to the assault case, Inspector Allan said, "when he picked up the ball the defendant, rushed at him and roughly put his hand on his shoulder, demanding the ball. He was not wearing the gloves at the time. Witness resented the defendant holding him, so he roughly pushed him away, but did not strike him. The complainant told him if he (the defendant) wished he could take out a charge against him of stealing the ball. Witness told the defendant that he was going to take it to the police station."

The defendant: I suggested going to the Station first.

The Magistrate: Did you go?

The defendant: I didn't understand sufficient English to go.

Continuing, the complainant said, when he got 30 yards further on, the defendant again rushed at him and held him, trying by force to get the ball back. Witness could not arrest him as defendant was the stronger man.

At the corner of Ship Street the defendant again molested him; his clothes were in danger of being torn off. The Japanese who had given evidence came along and persuaded the defendant to leave him (the Inspector) alone. After reporting the matter to the No. 2 Station witness went to a certain house where he knew the defendant lived but could not find him.

On the following morning he noticed the defendant on the roof of No. 22, Praya East. Complainant asked him for his name, but the defendant insolently refused to give it. Later a summons was served against the defendant.

The defendant said that at first he thought the complainant was a Police Inspector, and he spoke to him nicely, but later an old coffee-house woman told him that he was not and he tried to get the ball from him.

The Magistrate said that, on the first charge of playing base-ball in the street, as the defendant was not the only one playing he was going to let him off lightly. He would impose a fine of \$1.

On the charge of molesting Inspector Allan he thought there was a lot of misunderstanding. He considered that Inspector Allan was wrong in retaining the ball. He would bind the defendant over to keep the peace for six months on a bond of \$50.

High Jump, Junior.—1st, Kwok Po Chun; 2nd, Ho Wing Yew; 3rd, A. Black.

High Jump, Senior.—1st, Lee Yan Tek; 2nd, Lee Shiu Kee; 3rd, J. Chan.

Hurdle Race.—1st, Lee Wai Choi; 2nd, Lee Yan Tek; 3rd, Lee Shiu Kee.

Wheel-Barrow Race.—1st, Ho Wong and Lau Po Yee; 2nd, A. Nomanabhai and Chan Ping In; 3rd, Wong Sik Kuen and Chan Cheung Leung.

Team Race, Junior.—1st, Blue House; 2nd, Red House; 3rd, Yellow House.

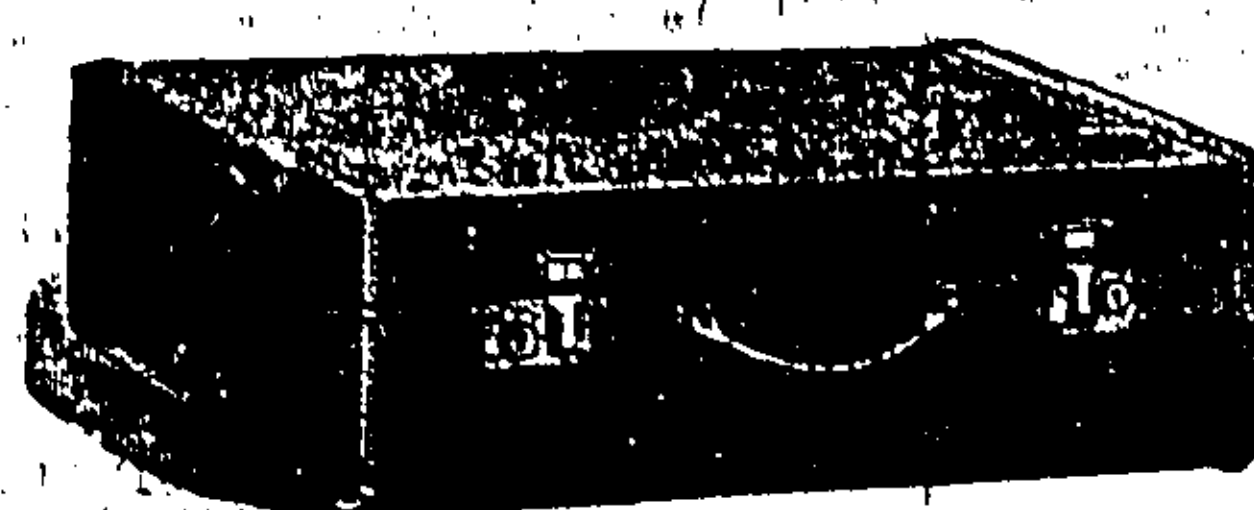
Team Race, Senior.—1st, Red House; 2nd, Yellow House; 3rd, Green House.

Total points.—Red House, 58 points; Blue House, 41 points; Yellow House, 39 points; Green House, 25 points.

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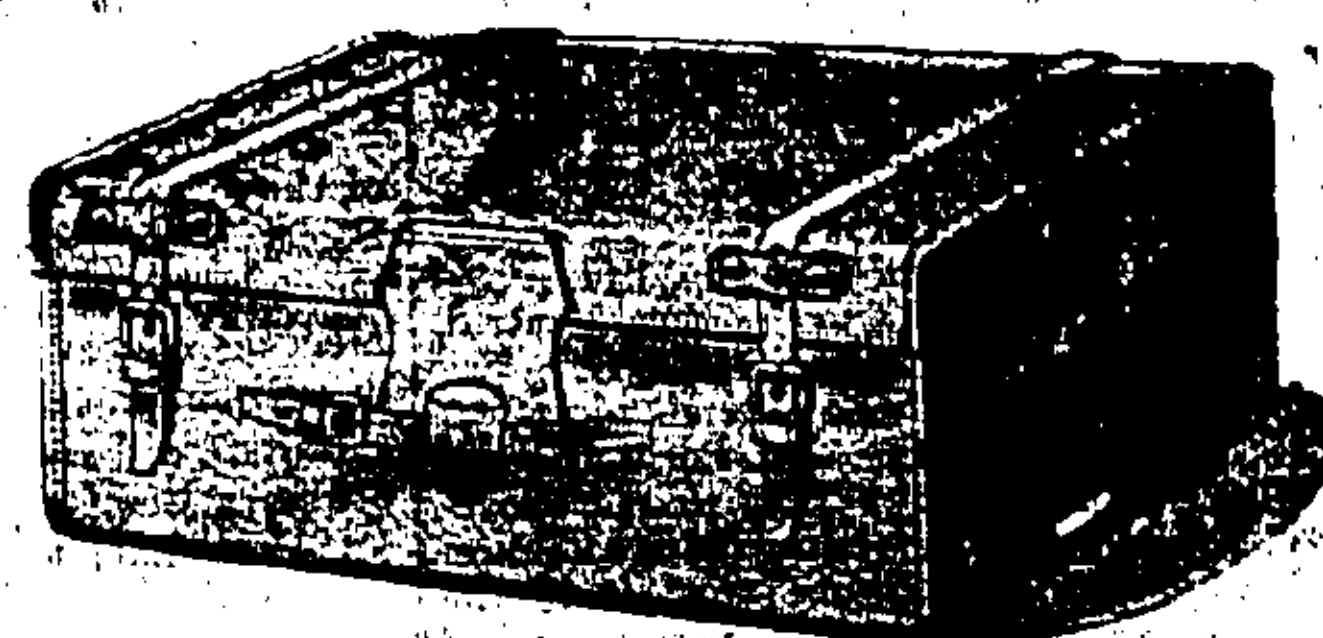
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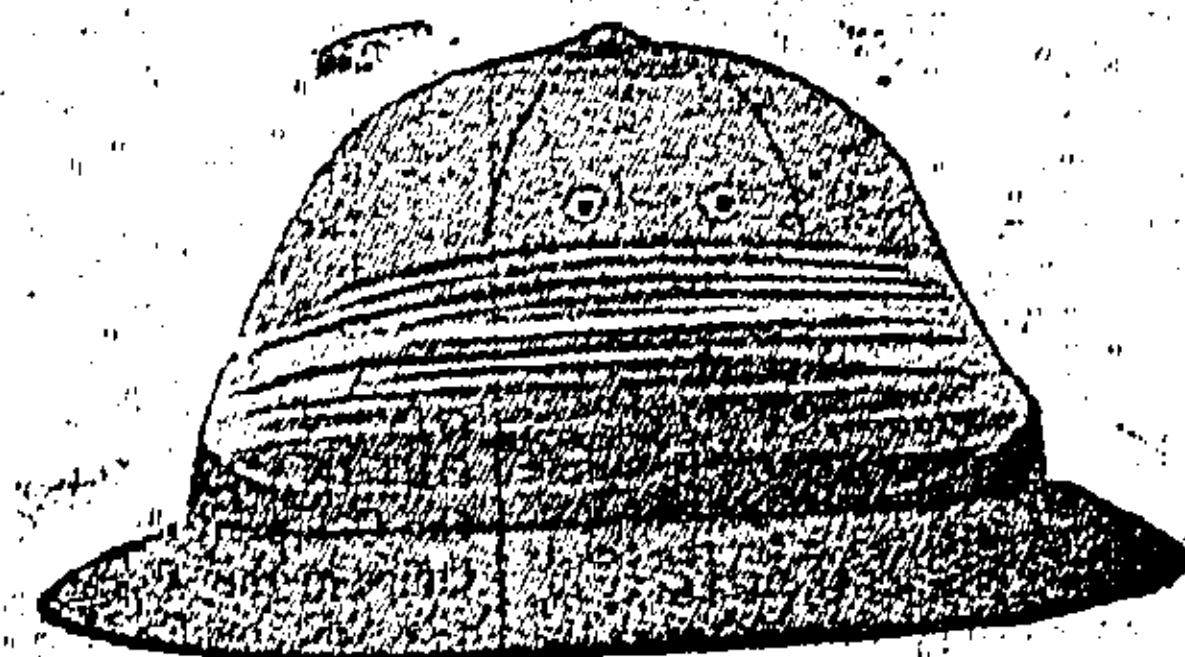
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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

THE ANNUAL PRIZE DAY will be held on FRIDAY, APRIL 28th, at 8 p.m. H. E. the Governor has kindly consented to distribute the Prizes. Old Boys and Friends of the College, as well as all Parents and Guardians, are invited to attend.

N.B.—The Annual Meeting of the S.S.C. Association will be held the SAME EVENING at 7 p.m.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

COMPANIES WINDING-UP.

No. 2 of 1922.

BON TON LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition for the winding-up of the above-named firm by the Supreme Court of Hongkong was, on the 15th day of April, 1922, presented to the said Court by the said firm. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at 10.15 o'clock in the forenoon on the 19th day of May, 1922, and any creditor or contributory of the said firm desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at time of hearing by himself or his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said firm requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated the 26th day of April, 1922.

G. R. HAYWOOD,

Solicitor for Bon Ton Ltd.,

No. 17, Queen's Road Central,

HONGKONG.

NOTE—Any person who intends to appear on hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above named notice in writing of his intention as to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any) and must be served, or if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above named notice not later than 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the 18th day of May, 1922. (25)

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 1st day of May, 1922, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one lot of BROWN LAND at Canton Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Containing about	Approximate Area in Acres.	Upset Price.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "PERSEA".

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, BRINDISI, PORT SAID, ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves & Godowns Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 26th inst. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd prox. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 12th prox. or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd prox. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO. LTD., Agents.

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INTIMATIONS

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 12th May, 1922, at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1921, and of declaring Dividends, etc. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from April 29th to May 12th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1922. [893]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

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A print of such new Articles and a print of the existing Articles may be seen at the Society's Registered Office at Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, aforesaid. Should the Meeting approve of such new Articles with or without modification, the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely—

"That the new Articles already approved by the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Society to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a SECOND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office of the Society, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, aforesaid, on FRIDAY, the TWENTY-THIRD DAY of June, 1922, at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution, the above mentioned Resolution.

Dated this 21st day of April, 1922.

C. MONTAGUE EDE,

General Manager.

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BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 12th May, 1922, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1921, and of declaring Dividends, etc. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from April 29th to May 12th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, April 21st, 1922. [895]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the TWELFTH DAY of May, 1922, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving the draft new Articles of Association of the Company which will be submitted to the Meeting.

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Dated this 21st day of April, 1922.

By Order of the Board,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,

General Manager.

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NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that the Valuation Lists for the Colony for the year 1922 will be open to inspection at the Treasury for twenty-one days commencing on SATURDAY, the 22nd April, 1922.

C. M. MESSER,

Treasurer and Assessor of Rates.

21st April, 1922. [920]

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

I beg to warn all the local Stores and Shops in the Colony not to accept orders from certain individuals who presents my card, applying for goods to be supplied to him in my name, as I found out two cases to be a fraud, as a good number of my cards have been stolen and used for the purpose.

P. A. XAVIER.

Hongkong, April 24th, 1922. [911]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE hereby give notice that we have removed from No. 4, Duddell Street, to New Offices at 12, Beaconsfield Arcade, RAMSEY & CO. [905]

Hongkong, 24th April, 1922.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE beg to announce the REMOVAL of our Office to No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL on the 18th April.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1922. [863]

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

DEEP WATER BAY.

TIFFINS.

MEMBERS desirous of having tiffin in the club house must order same by 5 o'clock on the day previous. Tiffin may be ordered either from Happy Valley or Deep Water Bay Club House. Tiffin which has not been ordered the day previous cannot be served.

By ORDER. [916]

VERNON & SMYTH.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the business heretofore carried on by FRANK SMYTH as a Sharebroker under the style of VERNON & SMYTH has been taken over by ROBERT THOMAS MATHESON as from the 1st day of April, 1922, and that FRANK SMYTH ceased to be liable in any way in respect of the said business and that all liabilities of whatsoever nature incurred by the said Firm of Vernon & Smyth on and from the 1st day of April, 1922 have been and will be incurred by the said Robert Thomas Matheson solely.

Dated the 20th day of April, 1922.

FRANK SMYTH,

ROBERT THOMAS MATHESON. [891]

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HONGKONG, APRIL 27th, 1922.

AMERICA AND HER ARMY.

GENERAL PERSHING has been telling the Military Committee of the United States Senate that had the United States been "prepared" it could have prevented the late war—meaning, of course, the Great War in Europe. This statement was made in support of the War Department's demand for a larger establishment than 115,000. The SECRETARY FOR WAR is asking for an army of 150,000. Whether the Committee was greatly impressed by what General PERSHING said the cable does not tell us, but we imagine the statement will not be accepted by many Senators at its face value. Eminent soldiers seldom shine as public speakers. Would it really have had the slightest influence on Germany's decision to embark on the war if the United States had possessed an army twice as large as she has at the present day? It is notorious that Germany treated with contempt the idea that an army of any respectable size could have been transported from the United States to Europe in face of the submarine menace. Moreover, it must not be forgotten that it took the United States two years to make up its mind that any obligation rested upon it to intervene. It was from no consideration of the inadequacy of its military resources that the United States hesitated for so long to join in the war. That hesitation was due entirely to political considerations. When this chapter in the history of the war is recalled it is very difficult to follow General PERSHING's line of reasoning. It is just as difficult to follow the argument for increased forces at a time when practically every country in Europe is taking measures, or is keenly desirous of taking measures, to reduce military and naval forces. It is certainly incongruous that the United States Government, which has played such a conspicuous part in the advocacy of this movement, should now, so shortly after the Washington Conference, be manifesting to the world, through the medium of the War Department, a desire to maintain a far larger army than the House of Representatives deems to be sufficient for the protection of the country's interests. If a larger army is needed only for the

BIG HAUL OF OPIUM.

153 LBS. SEIZED ON THE "TAKWA MARU."

Acting on "information received" revenue officers boarded the a.s. *Takwa Maru* on Monday on her arrival from Haiphong and asked to be shown certain packages of cargo marked "S.Y." The ship's comrade pointed out the packages, three in all. One of the packages was opened on the ship and found to contain three kerosene tins. They were on the bill of lading as containing camphor. One tin was opened and on the top there was a layer of camphor, but underneath there was concealed a quantity of raw opium. The remainder of the packages were removed to the Imports and Exports Office, and there examined in the presence of the Superintendent. In all 153 lbs. of the illicit drug in its raw state was discovered as well as 150 tins of the prepared drug. A watch was kept on the vessel for the consignee, and that same day a cargo boatman came alongside, presented a bill of lading, stating that he had been engaged by one Wong Wan Chan of West Point to take delivery of the goods. The boatman was detained and later the same day, under the escort of a revenue officer, went to West Point and, in a flat above the Takwa money changer's shop, Wong Wan Chan, the alleged consignee, was discovered and arrested.

Yesterday afternoon he was charged with importing the drug into the Colony. Mr. A. E. Hall appeared for the defendant and pleaded "Not Guilty." His defence was that the opium was consigned to another man named Wong Kam Fong, who was a cousin of the boatman, and that the defendant Wong Wan Chan was not the man who ordered the goods to be collected.

Evidence for the prosecution was given by Revenue Officer Ward, who carried out the search on board the vessel, and by the boatman, who swore that defendant was the man who hailed his boat just below the Douglas Wharf, and engaged him to collect the packages. The sum agreed upon for boat-hire was \$4. The comrade of the vessel said that the three packages were taken on board at Pakhoi; the shipping order showed the contents to be camphor and cow hooves, and the consignee's name was given as Wong Fat. Evidence was also given by a Chinese shop-keeper, who stated that he recognised the defendant as the man who came to his shop on the Monday and asked him to fill in three copies of an Imports pass for signature by the Imports and Exports Department. This he did for a fee of 30 cents. He also arranged for the pass to be signed at the Imports Office and delivered to the defendant.

Mr. Hall cross-examined this witness at great length as to mistaken identity, but the witness was firmly convinced that the defendant was the man.

At the conclusion of the evidence for the prosecution, Mr. Hall asked the Magistrate to adjourn the case as he wished to bring the other man—the cousin of the boatman, Wong Kam Fong, into the Court. Mr. Hall added "I tried to get him for this afternoon. We nearly got him at noon to-day."

The Magistrate: He was too quick for you and escaped? If you catch him will you put him into the dock instead of the defendant?

Mr. Hall: I don't know, but I will try to prove that the boatman was engaged by Wong Kam Fong and not by my client.

At this stage the case was adjourned to next Monday at noon for further hearing.

MAILS FROM ENGLAND IN 81 DAYS.

According to the London correspondent of the *Times of Ceylon* an airship scheme to cost £24,000,000, connecting England with India and China, is materialising by which Bombay will be reached in five days, Rangoon in 74 days, and Hongkong in 81 days.

The motor vessel *Glengarry*, on her maiden voyage, brought a large further addition to the Dairy Farm herd. Only one cow was lost on the voyage, and 22 calves were born. The herd is now up to full strength and the Company confidently expects to be able to meet all demands likely to be made upon it.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH RUSSIA'S AGENTS.]GERMAN REPARATIONS.
FRANCE DETERMINED TO
ENFORCE SATISFACTION.

PARIS, April 25th.

The possibility of a French occupation of Ruhr is indicated in a semi-official statement dealing with measures involving separate action, which France might take in the event of Germany's failure to carry out her obligations.

It says that the agreement of the Allies is this matter, though desirable and keenly desired by the French Government, is not indispensable if the Reparation Commission, having given notice of Germany's default, should indicate that the moment for action has arrived.

The statement points out that Germany's period of grace expires on April 25th, after which date if the Reparation Commission is not satisfied, it may be able to propose to the French Government measures which would be appropriate in the circumstances.

THE PRINCE IN JAPAN.
HEAVY EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

TOKYO, April 26th.

Following two days of gales and rain, a heavy earthquake shook the Hakone district at 10.15 a.m., reverberating in rattled thunder amongst the shuddering mountains.

The Prince of Wales, who was motoring from Yamoto to Miyazaki, felt nothing of the shock and expressed his keen disappointment at having missed the sensation.

The weather having cleared, he motored up to Nagao Toge or Long Trail Pass in order to view Fujiyama, which is fifty miles away. (From Sir Herbert Russell.)

THE OPIUM COMMISSION.
INTERNATIONAL ENQUIRY INTO
HARMFUL DRUGS.

GENEVA, April 25th.

The Opium Commission, which is enquiring into the extent of normal needs of raw opium for legitimate purposes, has passed a resolution, inviting various countries to inform the Secretariat of the League of Nations, of the approximate annual quantity needed for internal use.

France proposed that the enquiry should be extended to all dangerous drugs, and the Commission, therefore, decided to submit to the various Governments a list of dangerous drugs, in order to ascertain whether these drugs are likely to lead to the same harmful effects as opium and cocaine.

THE UNITED STATES ARMY.
PERSHING SUPPORTS INCREASE.

WASHINGTON, April 25th.

General Pershing, addressing the Senate Military Committee, supported the War Department's demand for a larger establishment than 115,000, provided by the House of Representatives military measure.

He declared that if the United States had been prepared it could have prevented the late war. The Secretary for War requests a provision for an army of 150,000.

FRENCH BAN ON RUSSIAN
ARTISTS.

PARIS, April 25th.

The Government has created a sensation by banning all dancers, writers and actors, who had dealings with the Bolsheviks in Russia. The case is exciting much attention.

London Officials were instructed not to issue the passport of Mile. Olga Spessiva, the famous star of the Russian ballet, recently appearing in the West-End of London and who is about to proceed to Paris for the Grand Opera Season.

The Ballet Directors strenuously deny that Mile. Spessiva is a pro-Bolshevik and it is understood the ban will apply to Mile. Isadora Duncan, who is ordinarily a resident of Paris and who is now visiting Russia.

THE GENOA CONFERENCE.
SIR EDWARD GRIGG OPPOSES
EXCLUSION OF RUSSO-GERMANS.

GENOA, April 25th.

A statement, generally regarded as a reply to M. Poincaré's speech, has been made by Sir Edward Grigg on behalf of Mr. Lloyd George. He says that if peace is not made with Russia, or if the policy of leaving Germany and Russia out of account is followed, the inevitable result will be a fierce Russo-German friendship, directed against the whole of Western Europe.

Britain will have nothing to do with such a policy. While we are not afraid of the Russo-German menace, we are determined to do our utmost to prevent Europe from again becoming a shambles. The Russians are making a settlement most difficult, but he believes that negotiations will succeed.

POLISH DELEGATE'S DEMAND.
PARIS, April 25th.

Advices from Genoa state that M. Chicherin has written to M. Skirmuntz, the Polish Foreign Minister, demanding that Poland abstain from the sittings of the Commission dealing with Russian affairs, because he supported the Allies' protest against the Russo-German Treaty which threatens the possibility of cancelling the Russo-Polish treaty previously mentioned on April 1st and April 8th.

FIVE RUSSIANS ARRESTED.
LONDON, April 25th.

The Daily Herald's correspondent at Genoa reports that five Russians were arrested, including the well-known "White" propagandist, Boris Savinkoff.

SERIOUS VIEWS OF FRENCH
PREMIER'S SPEECH.

GENOA, April 25th.

British official opinion considers M. Poincaré's speech most serious because it was made without consulting the Allies. (The reference is to the French Premier's address to the Meuse Council-General on the 24th inst., when he stated that France would only remain at Genoa on condition that she was not called upon to make concessions either to Germany or to Soviet Russia.) It was indisputable that the Allies retain control of Germany's armaments. When Germany had been completely disarmed France would gladly follow suit. M. Poincaré concluded that whatever occurred at Genoa the new situation resulting from the Russo-German treaty was one of the most formidable since the armistice, and must be examined in conjunction with the Allies. France was determined to preserve everything gained under the Treaty of Versailles.

Well-informed quarters here regard M. Poincaré's threat of isolated action against Germany as a warning of grave significance.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE MAY SEEK
VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

LONDON, April 25th.

While Genoa is talking of the possibility of Russia breaking up the conference, London is speculating upon the eventuality of France withdrawing.

It is asserted that such a step would result in France's isolation as it is believed that the conference would continue without her.

Mr. Lloyd George, in such an eventuality, is expected to return home to seek a fresh vote of confidence.

THE MEUSE SPEECH.

M. Poincaré spoke in his capacity of President of the Council-General of Meuse, one of the French departmental assemblies, whose members include 470 members of Parliament, which assemblies were holding their Easter sessions. The inaugural address of the Presidents were exceptional on this occasion as they dealt with foreign affairs.

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THE RUSSIAN CONTENTION.

GENOA, April 25th.

M. Chicherin, in a statement regarding the difficulty, at yesterday's meeting of experts, said that immediately the question of property was raised the discussion became most important for the Russians, who considered private property as an abuse similar to medieval feudal rights or serfdom and should be abolished. It was impossible to yield on this point, but all the Councils adopted a resolution of confidence in M. Poincaré, demanding strict execution of the Treaty of Versailles. The French newspapers also support M. Poincaré, declaring that his speech reflects the sentiments of the country.

It is emphasized that the period of so-called "bargaining" cannot continue indefinitely.

M. Chicherin summoned up the whole trouble as a difference between two contradictory legal conceptions.

M. Chicherin also declared that *de jure* recognition of the Soviet was for them a question of trade, which was impossible without legal powers.

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ALLIES WILL ENFORCE
TREATY OF VERSAILLES.
PARIS NEWSPAPER OPINION.

PARIS, April 25th.

The occupation of Ruhr was not mentioned in the semi-official statement cabled earlier, which is a general argument that isolated French action is in accordance with the Treaty of Versailles.

The *Petit Parisien* to-day declares that M. Poincaré does not intend France to act alone, because he believes that the good sense of the Allies, more particularly Britain, will prevent the necessity of France enforcing her strict rights. The paper concludes by saying that instead of recriminating each other, the Anglo-French should think more of widening their alliance than making new concessions to Russia and Germany.

ROYAL DUTCH & STANDARD
OIL COMPANIES.

FRIENDLY ADVANCES DENIED.

AMSTERDAM, April 25th.

Holland's *Albada* of New York reliably learns that M. Deterding denies the rumours of a friendly advance between the Royal Dutch and the Standard Oil Companies. There is no question of the issue of a Bond Loan by the Royal Dutch Company in the United States. M. Deterding declared that the only object of his visit to America is to inspect the Company's new possessions there.

A MISSING SEAPLANE.
SIX PASSENGERS ON BOARD.

Key West, April 25th.

The Florida naval seaplanes, which were despatched in search of the seaplane which left yesterday morning for Nassau with six passengers, have not arrived.

HEAVY FLOODS IN TEXAS.
FIFTEEN HUNDRED HOMELESS.

FORT WORTH, April 25th.

The Texas floods have rendered 15,000 homeless. There have been eleven deaths, including four drowned from a capsizing boat which was rescuing refugees from house-tops and trees.

AMERICAN COAL INDUSTRY.
BASIC PROBLEMS UNDER CON-
SIDERATION.

WASHINGTON, April 25th.

The object in ending the coal strike is that the Government is studying a plan designed to afford a permanent solution of basic problems in the mining industry. The plan, which does not contemplate Federal supervision, will shortly be presented by President Harding.

THE DAVIS CUP.

FIRST TWO ROUNDS IN EUROPE.

NEW YORK, April 25th.

The Lawn-Tennis Association has decided that the first two preliminary rounds of the Davis Cup matches are to be played in Europe in order to reduce to a minimum the travelling expenses of competitors not surviving the first round.

BIG NEW YORK CITY LOAN.

NEW YORK, April 25th.

Messrs. Speyer have secured by tender the issue \$45,000,000 New York City Bonds at 102½, bearing 4½ per cent. interest.

WEARY OF RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

GENOA, April 25th.

Signs are not wanting that the Powers are weary of Russian affairs, which are engrossing general attention. It is announced in British circles that the tedious Soviet bargaining must soon end and that the Powers do not intend to prolong the arguments indefinitely.

DRAFT OF THE NON-AGGRESSION
PACT.

GENOA, April 25th.

Mr. Lloyd George handed M. Barthou the non-aggression pact, which was the subject of a whole day's examination by British and French jurists. Details are not available, but difficulties are likely to be encountered, since it is understood that questions of boundaries are involved.

QUESTIONS FOR THE SOVIET.

PARIS, April 25th.

With a view to clarifying the Russian situation, the Allied experts have drafted a questionnaire requesting definite answers from the Soviet regarding official pre-war obligations, war debts, losses inflicted on foreigners and restoration of confiscated property.

SHIPPING RATE WAR.
CUT IN SOUTH AMERICAN RATES.

WASHINGTON, April 25th.

Owing to the Lamport and Holt Line reducing passenger rates to South American ports, the Shipping Board announced that the Munson Line rates have been reduced as follows:—\$295 to Rio de Janeiro, \$345 to Montevideo and \$360 to Buenos Aires compared with Lamport and Holt's \$315, \$300 and \$370 respectively.

The Chairman of the Board, Mr. Lasker, says: "Our hat is in the ring. We will stick it as long as necessary to assure American domination over passenger traffic in all oceans."

LAMPORT AND HOLT MANAGE-
MENTS DENY RATE WAR.

LATIM.

The management of the Lamport and Holt lines have telegraphed to Mr. Lasker, denying any intention to start a rate war against the Shipping Board's vessels on the South American run.

SIAM CROWN PRINCE.
COMPLETION OF MILITARY
EDUCATION.

NAKON, April 25th.

The Crown Prince of Siam, having completed six months' military instruction here, was entertained at a dinner by the civil and military authorities and notable personages. Replying in French the Prince said he was much gratified by his friendly reception at Nany.

INDIA'S COMMERCE.
FIGURES FOR 1921-22.

CALCUTTA, April 24th.

British India's exports for 1921-22 amounted to Rs. 2,293,500,000, imports Rs. 2,884,500,000, and re-exports Rs. 1,140,600,000 compared with Rs. 2,383,000,000, Rs. 3,350,000,000, and Rs. 1,180,400,000 respectively for 1920-21. The balance of trade, including treasure, against India, is Rs. 233,500,000 compared with Rs. 500,400,000.

SHIPBUILDING DISPUTE.
MEN LIKELY TO ACCEPT
REDUCTION.

LONDON, April 25th.

The shipbuilding negotiations have evolved proposals which both sides are submitting to their constituents. The details are not divulged but the situation is regarded as more hopeful.

In consequence of the engineers' deadlock, forty-seven Unions have approached the Amalgamated Engineers' Union with a view to re-establishing a united front.

The basis of the settlement approved by the negotiators is an immediate reduction of 10s. 6d. weekly, the remaining 6s. to be split up, 3s. to be effective in May and the rest early in June. It is understood that both sides recommend acceptance of the terms.

I.R.A. GENERAL KILLED.
ANOTHER IRISH INCIDENT.

LONDON, April 25th.

General Adamson, commanding the Athlone Brigade of the pro-Treaty I.R.A. forces, was killed at Athlone last night. He was held up by republican troops, who shot when he raised his hands.

Several republican officers have been arrested and taken to the pro-Treaty headquarters.

COTTON TRADE DISPUTE.
WAGE REDUCTION ACCEPTED.

LONDON, April 25th.

The wages question in the cotton trade was settled at a conference of employers and employed at Manchester. The spinners and weavers accepted the terms conceded to the card-room operatives, by which wages will be reduced immediately 2s. 6d. in the pound and another 10d. six months hence.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.
FURTHER U.S. FORCES PREPARING.

NEW YORK, April 25th.

According to a message from Manila in connection with the sailing of the *Heron* to China, it is stated that two additional cruisers, with troops, are being held at the Philippines in readiness for action.

CANADIAN LOAN OVER-
SUBSCRIBED.

NEW YORK, April 25th.

The Canadian Government Loan of a hundred million dollars at five per cent. was oversubscribed in two hours.

U.S. BANK ASSOCIATION.

WASHINGTON, April 25th.

President Harding has expressed the willingness of the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank to participate in the proposed Association of Central Banks.

SHANGHAI CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE.

The annual general meeting of the British Chamber of Commerce of Shanghai was held last week. Mr. E. F. Mackay presided, and we make the following extracts from his address:—

STANDARD PIECE GOODS
CONTRACT.

Amongst the subjects which the Chambers have dealt with co-operatively, and in which this Chamber is especially interested, is the proposed standard Piece Goods Contract. As you know, the idea of having a standard contract originated with our Piece Goods Sub-Committee at the beginning of 1921. Negotiations in prosecution of the idea have continued steadily since then, and the landmarks in their history have been published in the Chamber's Journal. There is no necessity for me, therefore, to go over the ground again, but I may, perhaps, with advantage say a word or two in regard to the latest stages. The Manchester and Bradford Chambers, having considered our first draft carefully, sent out an amended draft which reached us last November. This draft came before the Piece Goods Sub-Committee on November 15th, various further amendments were decided on and were sent home, while copies of Manchester's proposals were sent to the Hankow, Tientsin and Hongkong Chambers. Towards the end of February we were told by cable that Manchester and Bradford had accepted our amendments, and on March 13th last, the Piece Goods Sub-Committee received confirmation of this by mail. The confirmatory letter, together with a printed redraft of the contract, were before sent to Tientsin, Hankow and Hongkong, and all three have agreed to it. Manchester will be informed accordingly, and all that will remain to be effected, as far as this Chamber is concerned, will be for our Piece Goods members generally to say whether they are agreeable to accept the proposed contract or not. As our Piece Goods Sub-Committee is thoroughly representative of the trade there is every reason to think that the trade will endorse their views. And perhaps I may express the hope that the proposal to keep a register of dealers at the Chamber's offices will also be given effect.

Another subject of direct interest to members of this Chamber, in working on which we have had the help of other Chambers, is the revamping of Rule 1 of the Tariff. All our Chambers and the French, the Japanese and I think I may say, the American Chambers are agreed that the c.i.f. cost of goods, that is to say the landed cost in bond, should be the basis on which ad valorem duty should be levied and all think that the Rule should be reworded so as to make this clear. Accordingly opportunity will be taken of the present revision of the tariff to press for this.

COAST TRADE DUTIES.

Another subject which we hope the Chinese Government will consider favourably, and on which we have been working during the past year, is that of duties on coastal trade. All our Chambers are agreed on this matter also. It is their unanimous opinion that the trade which is carried on between China's various treaty ports should be free. At present, as you all know, native goods shipped from any one Treaty Port to another have to pay a full export duty at the time of export and a half duty when they arrive at the port of destination. Now, you will very often hear this half duty referred to as the coast trade duty. But when we ask for the abolition of coast trade duties we mean the abolition of both the full and the half duty. Think what it would mean to us as merchants if those duties could be done away with. Trade would be enormously simplified. Instead of ships having to wait for the masses of documents that hold them up now, instead of each of you having to deal with the export applications, and the permits, and the duty memos, that you deal with now, you would have nothing to do but load your cargo and send it away. Half the paraphernalia of Customs restrictions would be abolished and the loss of revenue to the Chinese Government would be comparatively small compared with the advantages which would be gained.

We intend to press these views when the Tariff Revision Commission decided on at the Washington Conference assembles and I would ask the members of this Chamber to support the Committee which they are about to elect in asking for facilities to present to the delegates to the Commission the views of the Associated Chambers on this subject.

TARIFF REVISION.
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION.

The first business meeting of the Tariff Revision Commission was held at the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce at Shanghai on April 20th afternoon, all delegates being present under the chairmanship of Admiral Tsai Ting-kai.

Admiral Tsai, in opening the meeting, said that he was glad to welcome the various delegates to the Conference. The agenda of the day was then discussed.

A resolution proposing that the rules of procedure be similar to those of the last Commission was adopted unanimously.

The second resolution of the day:—"That the Shanghai market values for the six months, October, 1921, to March, 1922, be taken as the basis for the new tariff; that in computing these values, goods imported from countries not entitled to vote at the Tariff Revision Commission be left out of account; that the quantity of goods imported of each kind be taken from the Customs Returns for the year 1921 for Dairen, Tientsin, Shanghai, Hankow and Canton," brought forth some discussion, the British, French, Italian and American delegates agreeing to the Chinese proposals in principle, with certain reservations.

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"THE DOVER PATROL."
THRILLING WAR LECTURE BY
CAPT. EVANS.

Last week, at Talkoo, Capt. E. R. G. Evans, C.B., D.S.O., R.N., told the tragic story of Capt. Scott's Antarctic Expedition, the story of the dreadful hardships that men will suffer for the sake of a cause, even a cause so intangible and impersonal as scientific research. Last night, the same audience met Capt. Evans, and some of his heroic companions of the Antarctic, again, this time doing and daring all for another cause, love of country and the ideal of freedom. Anyone who had heard, on the eve of the great war, Capt. Evans's story of the Antarctic Expedition, might reasonably have felt confident of the outcome of the struggle. "If that is the spirit of Englishmen," he might have said, "they cannot be beaten." These are men who can struggle on until they reach the breaking point, and not break! So the events of 1914-1918 proved.

"The Dover Patrol" was Capt. Evans's subject last night, and he told how "the silver streak" was guarded during four long years of war. There were times during the terrible winters when—judging from the pictures shown—the gallant Captain must have thought he was back in the Antarctic again but, "never mind the weather," the Straits of Dover were patrolled "by whatever obsolete vessels could be spared from the Grand Fleet," and many other more exciting "stunts" were carried out, with greater or less result, "according to the war epoch," as Capt. Evans put it. If it was a pre-dreaded charge epoch, achievements were likely to be smaller, one gathered. Describing the drifters, trawlers and other craft, Capt. Evans spoke in terms of admiration of the work of the fishermen who manned them. Some of them, when their boats were killed at the hazardous work, took the young men's places and served at sea, even up to the age of eighty. The audience cheered enthusiastically when the photograph of a great-grandfather, second in command of one of these vessels was shown. Capt. Evans also paid a tribute to the men of the mercantile marine, and especially the engine room staffs at the place of attack; men who, for four years, faced danger; men who, for four years, faced in order that England should not lack for food.

The story of Capt. Bickford's joy-ride army, which moved 115 tons of heavy guns to a camouflaged position in a single night, and carried out many original enterprises in an original manner, afforded humorous relief. Capt. Bickford was "bearded like a pard" and his "profile" (which had slipped to the neighbourhood of his waist) made it easy to pick him out in a crowd. The French called him "Le Roi Edouard VII." on account of his undoubted resemblance to that monarch. The audience saw Hongkong's recent Royal visitor, then on military service in France, looking at Capt. Bickford's gun, when mounted.

Capt. Evans illumined his lecture with many delightful flashes of irony and he told several good stories of which perhaps the best went something like this: "A sailor came to Capt. Evans whilst he was lunching on his ship, with the message 'Someone to see you, sir.' 'Who is it?' asked Capt. Evans. 'Don't know, sir.' 'Does he look like a gentleman?' 'Can't say, sir, but he says he knows you.'"

A picture of Mr. Lloyd George flashed on to the screen.

"That's who it was," says Capt. Evans. Mr. Lloyd George wanted to get back to England in a hurry and could Capt. Evans do anything for him? Yes, as soon as he had finished getting 25,000,000 worth of bullion on board, the job in hand, at the moment. At Dover, the Bank of England representative, declared that the bullion was one package short. Had he made a mistake or must suspicion fall on Mr. Lloyd George. The bank clerk had miscounted and a statesman's reputation was saved.

Capt. Evans told of the "g" boats which gave German submarine officers what usually proved the last surprise of their lives. One of these vessels, disguised as a cargo tramp, would fall out of a convoy "in difficulties." It would be attacked by a submarine and sink by the stern. Mechanical means would effect this, but the process would not go too far as the vessel was full of cork. A panic party (what fun for British men to play at being panic-stricken) would leave the ship. The rest would hide on board and when the submarine came near for look, the Captain would touch a button, guns would appear and the decoy would do battle.

After telling a battle story which sounded like the famous fight of the *Revenge* at Flores in the Azores, Capt. Evans modestly concluded his lecture with the remark, "Please don't imagine that we did any more than anyone else," and as dawn said a storm of applause. The foregoing is only the merest indication of the matter contained in a most enthralling lecture; the reader should hear it for himself or herself at Kowloon to-morrow night.

COUNTER-PROPOSALS.

The Japanese delegates brought forward counter-proposals that the prices of goods for four years, 1917-1920 inclusive, be the basis for the new tariff in the five ports mentioned. They suggested that the value of goods imported be computed from the Customs Returns, because they were more reliable and authentic and because they would facilitate the working procedure of the Commission.

Dr. Julian Arnold, the American delegate, suggested that the various views be circulated so that the delegates might go into the question. This suggestion was agreed upon. The meeting then adjourned.

No date has been fixed for the next meeting.

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THE PSYCHOLOGY OF DRESS. A JUDGE'S PERPLEXITIES.

Mr. Justice McCardie cannot find an explanation of what causes a change in fashion. This is the more remarkable, says a home paper, because he is not one of the judges who insist upon maintaining a supernatural innocence. It was not in Sir Henry McCardie's Court that the Bar recently was appalled by the inquiry, "What is a pub?" In his Court or out of it, Mr. Justice McCardie's judicial eye "notices a great deal of change in ladies' fashions," and he does not mind saying that he finds the variations quite striking, and, to him, "the material seems to be peculiar, too." He was told in evidence that "the immediate post-war colours" were green, yellow, and red, all in one piece, which certainly seems to justify the use of the adjective "peculiar." But what nobody would tell him was why the fashions change, why green, yellow, and red in one piece are at this moment ardently sought, at the next find none so low as do them reverence. His Lordship asked an expert in the box, who pusillanimously pleaded, "I may be an expert, but I am not an expert in the fickleness of women." This antifeminist diversion did not satisfy Sir Henry McCardie, who promptly gave the authority of a judicial obiter dictum to the statement that fashions do not depend on women. Neither with women nor with the public, he declares, does a change originate. The little leaven which leavens the whole lump must be found in the "big designers," who are "all men." But still, his lordship's judicial instincts are not satisfied. He does not feel that he has got to the root of the matter. These men, the big designers, the leaders of fashion, he argues, "create the ideas and submit them to the women and the public for their acceptance or otherwise." A change of taste determines "whether or not the thing becomes adopted." But what determines the change of taste? That, alas! the judge found is one of the questions which nobody can answer, and in the bitterness of his soul he cried out that he had never met a psychologist in the dress trade. He protested that there ought to be psychologists. They would save us a great deal of "this appalling loss" which the changes of fashion inflict. We set no limitations to the powers of psychology. The disciples of Freud, we do not doubt, may be able to unravel the complex which has produced our present fashions, and the repressed impulses they will bring to light will be as horrid as any in their catalogue. The disciples of Coue will surely profound a cure by which auto-suggestion will convince every woman that the old is new and the dowdy chic. But till their labours are completed, we offer to Mr. Justice McCardie's consideration the suggestion that the effective cause of changes of fashion is hope, that hope which springs eternal, which continually promises to our erring nature that some day, somehow, in some guise, we shall look attractive, or at least interesting.

THE WHITE LADY. TRADITION AND FACT.

How Lord (then Sir Douglas) Haig kept in touch with German military movements during the war has been divulged by the records of heroism and adventure of an organisation officially described as the "Allied Observation Corps," that which had found for itself the more picturesque title of the "White Lady of the Hohenzollerns."

It is a tradition in Germany that when disaster is impending on the House of Hohenzollern a mysterious, tall, slender woman clad in snowwhite, walks along the parapet of the old Hohenzollern castle in their ancestral Brandenburg.

Early in 1916 a small but devoted body of men at Liege got into touch with the British War Office, and it was decided that they should become a military corps of observers attached to the British Secret Service.

The history of this corps, with its casualties—40 members were shot by the Germans as spies, and more than 100, including women and children, served terms of imprisonment in common gaols—has not yet been told.

FRONTIER DASHES.
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GERMAN WAR GUILT. THE EVIDENCE OF DOCUMENTS. INDISCREET BAVARIANS.

The Germans have been very earnest of late in their efforts to persuade the world that the confession of guilt they make in the Treaty of Versailles is a wicked and cowardly self-culpa. Now they seek to recant, in order, as they quite frankly declare, to throw off the obligations which that Treaty places upon them. The Diet of Bavaria entrusted one of its members to prepare a collection of Bavarian documents concerning the outbreak of the war. The collection has been made, and carefully chosen extracts have appeared in a Pan-German review, but the full texts have not been published.

Somebody in Bavaria has been venal, or careless, or indiscreet. A correspondent of the *Temps* has found, or made, an opportunity for seeing the collection as a whole, and that newspaper has been able to publish a long and instructive account of it, illuminated by passages quoted literally from the originals.

These confidential documents throw light upon both the combined movements of the "moral offensive." First, it is desirable to examine their bearing on the attempt to blacken the Allies. A dispatch of Count Lerchenfeld, of June 4th, 1914, more than three weeks before the Sarajevo murders, reports the opinions of Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor, upon the military weakness and the peaceful disposition of France. "France," he said, "need hardly be feared. She will introduce the three years' service. But war is not desired in France." On July 26th, Herr von Ritter confirms the Chancellor from Paris. "The French Government," the French Press, and French opinion," he writes, "have allowed themselves to be surprised in an inconceivable way by the delivery of the Austrian Note [on July 23rd] to the Serbian Government." Deputies and Senators were all out of town. And the Ambassadors except one were away from Paris. The "one" was Baron von Schun, the German Ambassador.

THE ALLIES' POSITION. Such is the confidential picture of Paris seven days before the Germans invaded France, drawn by a responsible German diplomatist. Up to the very end his testimony is the same. On August 4th, as he was leaving the French capital, Herr von Ritter writes to the King: "Up to the last moment I have had the impression that the French Government would have wished at all costs to avoid war."

Is it, then, England who is to share the guilt of Germany and her Allies? She gave them more offence at this time, but it was by her obstinate efforts to preserve peace. "Grey's project of a Conference," Lerchenfeld informs Herrling on July 28th, "is held here (in Berlin) to be wholly inopportune. The German Ambassador in London is blamed for not having tried to dissuade Sir Edward Grey from this step."

Here, it is thought certain that Vienna will refuse to give the assurance asked for, and that so the Conference will not take place at all events in the form proposed."

On July 9th, Count Lerchenfeld discusses the situation with Herr Zimmermann, the Imperial Under-Secretary of State. The Prussian statesman thinks the moment very favourable for Austria, but "he doubts whether Vienna will make up her mind to act." "If Vienna should ask the question, she would not be dissuaded in any sense from acting by all means against Serbia. Rather would she be assured that—whatever happens—Austria will see her Ally by her side." "The Emperor inclines to more rigorous measures, and he has the support of Berlin," Baron von Tuckler advises Munich two days later. On the 14th he explains Austria's purposes more fully:

"Count Berchtold might put before the Serbian Government conditions of such a kind that they would be unacceptable, so that recourse to measures of force must follow."

Germany stands faithfully by the side of her Ally and will draw all conclusions from the Pact (the Austro-German Alliance).

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Authoritative circles four days later affected uneasiness, "lest Serbia should give way altogether and so weaken the spirit needed to strike."

"It is thought (the Bavarian Minister adds) that if Russia were not to permit the localization of the conflict with Serbia, the present moment would be more favourable for a settlement of accounts than any other in the future."

BERLIN INPATIENT. Berlin became disgusted by the dilatoriness of Vienna as the days went by. "On July 23rd, dispatches from both capitals went to Munich."

The prolonged hesitation of the Vienna Cabinet has disagreeably affected official circles here (is the report from Berlin), and it would have been wished that the demand for expiation had immediately followed the murder of the Archduke."

The one fear of Germans and Austrians alike was that the Allies would try to prevent the bomb from bursting. While the Bavarian accomplice at Vienna was waiting complacently for the explosion he advised his chief in Munich that:

"The Austro-Hungarian Government will have to forestall the attempts which are to be foreseen on the part of the Entente Powers to give even now (July 27th) a peaceful turn to events, and the efforts at mediation which it will have to decline by arriving at the declaration of war against Serbia."

The Germans have steadily maintained that they did not know the text or the argument of the Austro-Hungarian ultimatum until after it had been sent to Belgrade. Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg and Herr Zimmermann (Continued at foot of next column.)

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have repeated this contention since the Armistice. "Our" Note was presented on July 23rd. On July 30th, Herr von der Tann, the Bavarian Minister in Rome, observes in a dispatch that "Germany has had cognizance beforehand of the Austro-Hungarian Note to be sent to Belgrade." So the latest German official documents break down the projected "moral offensive" all along the line. They demonstrate the exclusive guilt of Germany and her ally, they demonstrate the entire innocence of the Entente Powers, and they demonstrate the conscious bad faith with which Germany is trying to shift the burden of her crime to those whom she knows to be blameless. They are a useful preparation for Genoa and they ought to have a great effect on its deliberations; but it will not be the effect which the Germans have planned.—Times.

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Hailong, British str., 1,108 tons, Capt. F. J. Gill, from Swatow, with a general cargo—D.L. & Co.
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Huachu, from Canton.
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Kanjo Maru, Japanese str., 1,122 tons, Capt. T. Mochizuki, from Keelung, with a general cargo—O.S.K.
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Yoshino Maru (N.Y.K.), due April 27th.

WEATHER REPORT.

April 26th, at 12.30.—Pressure has increased moderately at Vladivostok and Weihaiwei, and slightly from Shanghai to the Philippines and Hongkong. It has decreased slightly over N. India-China where a depression appears to have formed.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., 23rd inst., 0.20 inch. Total since January 1st, 12.11 inches, against an average of 17.70 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Direction: N.E. or variable winds, moderate; overcast, occasional rain.
 Formosa Channel: The same as No. 1.
 South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: The same as No. 1.
 South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER

Hongkong Observatory, April 26th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.	Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.83	29.98	29.90
Temperature	69	65	67
Humidity	80	85	90
Wind Direction	NNE	Calm	W
Force	2	0	3
Weather	01	0	0
Rain	0.11	0.00	0.12

Highest open-air Temperature on 25th... 75
 Lowest open-air Temperature on 26th... 65

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE

From 27th April to 3rd May, 1922.

High Water. Low Water.

Day of Week	Day of Month	H'kong Standard Time	Height	H'kong Standard Time	Height
Thur	27	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		8 53	6 5	3 4	2 0
		9 48	5 3	3 49	1 2
Fri	28	10 37	6 7	3 35	2 2
		10 31	5 1	4 23	1 0
Sat	29	11 10	6 9	4 5	2 5
		11 19	4 8	5 50	0 9
Sun	30	12 23	7 0	4 35	2 7
				5 50	0 9
Mon	1	1 0 19	4 5	5 43	1 0
		11 21	3 9	6 43	1 0
Tue	2	11 34	4 3	7 40	3 3
		0 50	6 7	5 46	1 2
Wed	3	2 51	4 2	8 20	3 5
		1 28	5 5	8 56	1 4

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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FROM MELBOURNE & FREEMANTLE.

THE Steamship "RIALTO"

CONSIGNEES of cargo are hereby informed that this steamer has arrived and is now ready to discharge. Consignees are requested to take delivery from alongside in accordance with the terms of Bills of Lading.

Cargo impeding discharge will be landed into godown at Consignees' risk and expense. All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 9th May, or they will not be recognised.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1922. [919]

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LTD.

S.S. "BENMOOR" & "PENROCH."

CONSIGNEES of cargo from ANTWERP, MIDDLESBROUGH, LONDON and STRAITS—per above steamers—are hereby notified that the cargo overcarried to Shanghai owing to the Shipping Strike at Hongkong has been returned to this Port per *s.s. "BENALDER"*, and delivery can be obtained on presentation of original Bills of Lading to the Undersigned.

Consignees are advised that the cargo is being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and that no Fire Insurance has been effected.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all cargo remaining undelivered after 2nd May, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be surveyed on 2nd May, at 10 a.m.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. LTD.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1922. [921]

"GLEN" LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM, PORT SAID, COLOMBO & STRAITS.

THE M.V. "GLENHARRY"

Having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 2nd May, 1922, at 5 p.m., will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined in the presence of consignees by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, on 2nd May, 1922, at 10 a.m. Claims against the steamer including those for cargo short delivered must be presented on the special form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, 25th April, 1922. [917]

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S.S. "TRIESTE" ... sailing early in May.

FOR BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE

S.S. "PERSIA" ... sailing on or about 9th May.

S.S. "TRIESTE" ... sailing end of May.

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IYO MARU ... Friday, 28th Apr., at 11 a.m.

MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, &c. ... Wednesday, 17th May, at 11 a.m.

KASPIA MARU ... Friday, 5th May.

HAKONE MARU ... Friday, 5th May.

HAMBURG via DUNKIRK, LONDON & ROTTERDAM. ... Friday, 5th May.

TOTTORI MARU ... Saturday, 27th May.

LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLES and VALENOIA. ... Saturday, 27th May.

TATSUNO MARU ... Tuesday, 16th May, at 11 a.m.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, &c. ... Tuesday, 20th June, at 11 a.m.

AKI MARU ... Friday, 5th May.

TANGO MARU ... Friday, 5th May.

NEW YORK via PANAMA. ... Friday, 5th May.

LISBON MARU ... Friday, 5th May.

NEW YORK via Suez. ... Beginning of June

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via CALE ... Beginning of June

KAWACHI MARU ... Sunday, 30th April.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang and Colombo. ... Sunday, 30th April.

YEBOSHI MARU (omitting Penang) ... Thursday, 27th April.

CALCUTTA via Rangoon. ... Thursday, 27th April.

BENGAL MARU ... Friday, 19th May, at 11 a.m.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA. ... Thursday, 27th April, at 11 a.m.

TANGO MARU ... Thursday, 27th April, at 11 a.m.

YOSHINO MARU ... Thursday, 27th April, at 11 a.m.

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"SIOHLEA"	6,700	6th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KHYBER"	9,900	7th June	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"DELTA"	8,100	11st June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SOUHAN"	7,000	1st July	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
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SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 1st May, noon.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 2nd May, noon.
SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 2nd May, noon.
AMOY, MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"TAMING"	On 2nd May, 4 p.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 4th May, noon.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"LUOHOW"	On 7th May, noon.
SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 8th May, noon.
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